(d) whether the matter has been investigated by Government agencies; and -

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Revital is a product containing Gingseng with vitamins and minerals. In its meeting held in February, 1995, the Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), which is a statutory body under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, recommended that Gingseng may be termed as Food for Special Dietary uses or in the preparation of therapeutic foods without medicinal claims.

Subseqnently, the Licensing Authority in Himachal Pradesh has granted license under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 to Ms. Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, Paonta Sahib, for manufacture of 'Revital' capsule.

(d) and (e) In November 1992, price was fixed for Revital Capsules under DPCO. 1987. However, Ms. Ranbaxy Labs Limited informed the Government that they had stopped manufacture of the product.

Matter was investigated at that time and no case of overcharging was established.

Progress of Rail Projects in J and K

*127. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN-SHARIQ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the Jammu-Qazigund and Qazigund-Baramulla railway project in J and K;

(b) whether the work for construction of railway stations at Srinagar, Nowgam, Anantnag, Qazigund and Baramulla has started; if so, by when the construction would be completed and if not, when the work would start;

(c) what is the progress of work at Udhampur-Qazigund rail project; and

(d) whether a survey is being done from Baramulla to Kupwara, Sogam and Chowkibal/Srinagar-Shopian, Pahalgam or Sonamarg, for laying rail line; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Work on Jammu-Udhampur rail link is in good progress. Jammu to Bajalta (11 kms) has been opened. The work on the rest of the section is expected to be completed by December 2001. Between Udhampur and Katra, the work is progessing in full swing. Between Katra and Qazigund the alignment has been identified and detailed planning is being done. Between Qazigund and Baramulla land acquisition is being processed and work is being taken up wherever the land has become available. The work on this section has already been awarded to M/s IRCON, a public sector undertaking under Ministry of Railways.

(b) The detailed plan for Srinagar (Nowgam) Railway station have been finalised. The work has been awarded to M/s IRCON and they are expected to start the work physically very soon. Requisition for land for the entire length of the project between Qazigund and Baramulla has been placed on the State Govt. and construction activities for the stations at Anantnag, Qazigund and Baramulla would be started as soon as the land becomes available. No target date has yet been fixed for completion of these station buildings.

(c) Between Udhampur and Katra construction activity is in full swing. Work on two tunnels and six important bridges has been started. 11.76 lacs cum of earthwork has also been completed. Station building at Chakrawah has also been started and the architectural consultancy contract for Katra station has been awarded. For Qazigund-Baramulla portion, the work has been awarded to M/s IRCON and will be taken up as soon as the land becomes available. Land for Srinagar Station has been handed over by the State Govt. and work on the station building would be taken up shortly. Between Katra and Qazigund, the alignment has been decided and detailed planning of the work has been taken up.

(d) A Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey for a new BG

line from BaramuUa to Kupwara (approx. 60 krns) has been taken up. The survey report is expected by June 2001. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Appraisal of National Malaria Eradication Programme

*128. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any appraisal of the Centrally sponsored National Malaria Eradication Scheme has been made recently by Government to assess the achievements since its introduction in the country;

(b) if so, what are the shortcomings, if any, identified in implementation of the Programme; and

(c) what strategy is contemplated by Government in the light of the experience gained, to remove the constraints in implementation of the Scheme, to achieve its objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) CAG's performance appraisal of the National Anti-Malaria Programme (NAMP) for the period 1992—97 has recently been received in Government. The salient features of this Report are:

(i) The incidence of malaria has shown an increase during the period 1992—97.

(ii) The index of surveillance as indicated through the Annual Blood Examination Rate, was found to be satisfactory.

(iii) A shortfall was observed in spraying operations required to control the parasites.

(iv) Deficiencies were observed in rendering treatment in malaria cases.

(v) Staffing of laboratories was deficient.

Independent of the CAG's evaluation, on the basis of in-house monitoring of the programme, Government introduced a new Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) from September, 1997